



Early Journal Content on JSTOR, Free to Anyone in the World

This article is one of nearly 500,000 scholarly works digitized and made freely available to everyone in the world by JSTOR.

Known as the Early Journal Content, this set of works include research articles, news, letters, and other writings published in more than 200 of the oldest leading academic journals. The works date from the mid-seventeenth to the early twentieth centuries.

We encourage people to read and share the Early Journal Content openly and to tell others that this resource exists. People may post this content online or redistribute in any way for non-commercial purposes.

Read more about Early Journal Content at <http://about.jstor.org/participate-jstor/individuals/early-journal-content>.

JSTOR is a digital library of academic journals, books, and primary source objects. JSTOR helps people discover, use, and build upon a wide range of content through a powerful research and teaching platform, and preserves this content for future generations. JSTOR is part of ITHAKA, a not-for-profit organization that also includes Ithaka S+R and Portico. For more information about JSTOR, please contact support@jstor.org.

GENEALOGY.

DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT GREEN AND ALLIED FAMILIES IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA.

By **HOLDRIDGE OZRO COLLINS**, of Los Angeles, California.

Robert Green, who emigrated to Virginia in 1712, was the son of William Green and Eleanor Duff, of England.

It is stated by Dr. Philip Slaughter, at page 138 of his History of St. Mark's Parish, that William Green was an officer in the body-guard of William III, Prince of Orange, and this is claimed in the family archives and records of many of his descendants in America. A Roster of that troop, however, shows his name under the title "Yeoman."

Whatsoever may have been his rank in the military service of King William, his social position was that of a gentleman. He was a cadet of the family of Green's Norton in Northampton, and descended from the same ancestor as Sir Thomas Green the father of Matilda or Maud who married Sir Thomas Parr, and became the mother of Katherine Parr the sixth wife of Henry VIII.

Eleanor Duff, wife of William Green, belonged to the Scotch family of McDuff, and their son Robert always maintained intimate relations with his mother's people.

Born in 1695, when only seventeen years old, he went to Virginia with his uncle, Sir William Duff, and they settled at first upon the James river.

"In 1732, in conjunction with his uncle, Joist Hite and Robert McKay, he received a patent for 120,000 acres of land in the valley of Virginia, perhaps the earliest patent granted west of the Blue Ridge, and was one of the most active factors in the colonization and settlement of that beautiful region."

Sir William returned to Scotland, leaving Robert in charge of their joint estate, and dying without children he devised his large interests in Virginia to his nephew.

Robert married a Scotch lady named Eleanor Dunn. He lived for a time in King George county, but he made his permanent home in what was then Orange county, at a place which is near Brandy Station, now Culpeper county.

Here "he reared seven stalwart sons, all over six feet high, and all having red heads and beards, as became their mixed Welsh and Scotch blood." The family was known as the "Red Greens of Culpeper," from their fiery heads, and to distinguish them from other families of the same name with different characteristics.

Robert Green was one of the most public spirited citizens of his county,

and the leader in all good works of his neighborhood. In 1736 he was a member from Orange county of the Virginia House of Burgesses, and he was a captain of the Orange county militia.

In 1731 he became a vestryman of St. Mark's Parish, from which time down to the present, there has been a continuous succession of vestrymen in this family. His possessions were among the largest of the early Virginia grants, lying principally in Prince William, Augusta, Orange, Westmoreland and King George counties, which he devised to his widow Eleanor, and his sons.

His children and grand-children intermarried with the families of Washington, Lee, Willis, Barbour, Lewis, Henry, Price, Bayly, Marshall, and others of colonial distinction.

The commencement of the troubles with England found his descendants strong in their loyalty to their native Colony, and the rolls of the Continental Army, and the rosters of the Virginia troops, contain the names of many of the sons and grandsons of Robert Green, who served during the War of the Revolution, all with bravery and patriotism, and many with distinction, and in high rank.

One of his descendants, Mrs. Letitia Green Stevenson, wife of Ex-Vice President Adlai Ewing Stevenson, is to-day President-General of that magnificent Society of Daughters of the American Revolution; and the Societies of Colonial Wars and Colonial Dames, Sons and Daughters of the Revolution throughout the United States carry upon their rolls of membership many whose eligibility is derived from the services of Robert Green and his sons in the early contests for the preservation and independence of this country.

The last will and testament of Robert Green is dated February 22, 1747-8, and it was admitted to probate on July 28, 1748, in the County Court of Orange county, Virginia.

The following is a copy of the specific devise to his fifth son, viz:

"6thly. I give and bequeath unto my son Nicholas Green and his Heirs and Assigns forever all that Tract of Land and Plantation whereon Bryan Keegan formerly did live, near to the Foot of the Red Oak Mountain on Cannons River, containing by patent 300 acres, as also one half that Tract of Land containing seventeen hundred Acres on the Branches of Muddy Creek at the foot of the North Mountain in Augusta County: And one half of a tract of Land lying in the said County of Augusta containing three hundred and fifty acres, a Plat of which is retourn'd to the Secretary's Office in the name of Col. James Wood, and my Part of the Rights and Secretary's Fee I have paid."

He made his widow and all of his sons residuary legatees and devisees of all his negroes, cattle, horses, household goods and outstanding debts, and of considerable real estate not otherwise specifically devised.

He nominated his wife Eleanor, his sons William and Robert, and his "good friend Francis Slaughter, Gent.," the Executors of his will,

and he appointed his wife guardian of his sons, John, Nicholas, James and Moses, who were minors.

Robert Green (1) and Eleanor Dunn (2), his wife, had seven children, all sons, viz:

SECOND GENERATION IN AMERICA.

3. I. William,² married Miss Coleman. He served with the Virginia troops in the French and Indian war, 1755-1763. His home was in Culpeper county, where he died, leaving eight children.

4. II. Robert,² married Patty Ball, of Northumberland, a relative of Mary Ball, the mother of George Washington. He died in Culpeper, leaving five children.

5. III. Duff,² married, first, Miss Barbour (although Dr. Slaughter says her name was Thomas); secondly, Ann Willis, a first cousin of George Washington.

6. IV. John,² married Susannah Blackwell.

7. V. Nicholas,² married Elizabeth Price, daughter of Aijalon Price and Joyce Barber, his wife.

8. VI. James,² married Elizabeth Jones. He served in the French and Indian War. He had eleven children, viz: 1. Gabriel,³ married Miss Grant. He was commissioned an ensign of the Sixth Virginia Line in October, 1780, promoted to be lieutenant 1782, and served until 1783. After the close of the Revolution he moved to Kentucky and settled on Green river; 2. James,³ married Miss Jones. He was an ensign in the Sixth Virginia during the Revolution. His children were: Jones,⁴ James,⁴ Strother,⁴ Charles,⁴ Duff;⁴ 3. Duff,³ died a bachelor; 4. Jones,³ married Miss Neville; 5. Robert,³ married Miss Edmunds; 6. John,³ married Miss Catlett and went to Kentucky; 7. Dolly,³ married Nimrod Turner; 8. Elizabeth,³ married W. Peacock; 9. Lucy,³ married Glasscock and went to Missouri; 10. Polly,³ married Catlett; 11. Austin,³ married Miss Ball and went to Kentucky.

9. VII. Moses,² married Miss Blackwell, sister of Susannah (6) and had two daughters, Sally,³ died without issue, and Eleanor,³ married General James Williams, and had William,⁴ married Miss Stubblefield; James,⁴ died single; Sally,⁴ married George Strother, member of Congress from the Culpeper district.

5. Descendants of Duff Green, third son of Robert.¹ Third generation.

By his first wife, Miss Barbour, Duff Green had two children, viz:

10. I. John,³ who entered the First Virginia regiment as a second lieutenant and in August, 1777, was promoted to be first lieutenant. He died in Culpeper county.

11. II. Elizabeth.³

Ann Willis, the second wife of Duff Green, was daughter of Colonel Henry Willis, the founder of Fredericksburg, by his third wife, Mildred

Washington, aunt of George Washington. Mildred was the only daughter of Lawrence Washington and wife Mildred Warner, and sister of John and Augustine Washington, the father of George.

Mildred was married three times. Her first husband was named Lewis; her second was Roger Gregory, by whom she had three daughters, who severally married three brothers named Thornton, viz: Frances, married Colonel Francis Thornton; Mildred, married Colonel John Thornton, and Elizabeth, married Reuben Thornton. By her third husband, Colonel Henry Willis, she had two children: Colonel Lewis Willis and Ann Willis, who married Duff Green.

[The above statement in regard to descent from the Washingtons, though long believed by the Greens, has now, by the discovery of the Willis family Bible, been proved to be without foundation. Henry Willis and Mildred Brown were married October 30, 1726. Ann Willis, who married Duff Green, was born September 14, 1731. Henry Willis and his third wife, Mildred Gregory, were married January 5, 1733.—ED.]

Duff Green died before the Revolution, and soon after the termination of the war, his widow went to Kentucky with her sons, and settled near Danville, where she died about 1820. A monument to her memory is still standing at the old Reed Fort. Duff Green, by Ann Willis, had four children, viz:

12. III. Willis,^s married Sarah, daughter of John Reed.
13. IV. Henry.^s He went to Kentucky, but returned to Virginia, and died unmarried.
14. V. William,^s married Miss Marshall, daughter of Markham Marshall and Ann Bailey, who resided on the Shenandoah until 1779, when they moved to Kentucky and settled at Knob Lick, in Lincoln county.
15. VII. Eleanor,^s married John Smith.
12. Willis Green went to Kentucky after the Revolution, where with his two brothers Henry and William, he had located land warrants, the oldest half-brother, John, having inherited most of his father's estate in Virginia under the law of primogeniture. He was elected a delegate from Kentucky to the Virginia legislature in 1783, and he was a member of the conventions which framed the first and second constitutions of Kentucky. He was Register of the Land Office and Clerk of the Lincoln county court from 1783 to 1816. He had the following children:

(TO BE CONTINUED)

A FORGOTTEN MEMBER OF THE BALL FAMILY.

(CONCLUDED.)

The records of the Maryland Prerogative Court, under date of 11 July, 1677, contain the following entry:

"Let noe ad'ion be granted to any p'son or p'sons of the goods &